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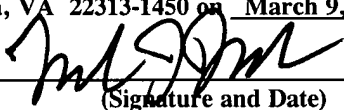
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Masanori NONOMURA, et al.
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FABRICATING A MULTI-FIBER
POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 17, 2004, applicant elects
Invention I (claim 1) drawn to a method of fabricating a multi-fiber polarization-

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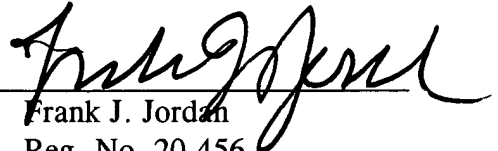
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maintaining fiber assembly.

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